

ARMAGEDDON!!



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ARMAGEDDONTM

"Not of This Earth"

Story So Far

The end has begun. Armageddon, the Father of Fear, has come to Earth, unleashing waves of mass extinction. Humanity's only hope of survival lies with one of a fugitive band of supernatural misfits called The Chosen, led by ex-covert ops agent and werewolf Morgan Gallows. Now joined by the mysterious traveller Bedlam and the sultry vampire assassin Chastity, the Chosen must survive long enough to discover Armageddon's secrets..

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ARMAGEDDON!

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War of the Dead #1 (of 3)
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- Armageddon #4 (of 4)

ARMAGEDDON
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"FORGET *EVERYTHING*
YOU THINK YOU
KNOW ABOUT *FEAR*."

"YOUR WORST DREAMS,
YOUR DARKEST TERRORS,
THEY'RE NOTHING; THEY'RE
PSYCHOLOGICAL PAPER CUTS
COMPARED TO A *SUCKING*
CHEST WOUND BLASTED
THROUGH THE *HEART OF*
THE UNIVERSE."

"WHAT HAD COME TO
EARTH WAS *TERRIBLE*
BEYOND THE ABILITY OF
ANYONE *HUMAN* TO
COMPREHEND, LIKE A
CANCER IN THE MIND
OF GOD --"

"-- A NIGHTMARE
FROM WHICH THE
ENTIRE WORLD WAS
DESPERATELY
STRUGGLING TO
AWAKEN."

"BUT THIS *WASN'T*
A DREAM; THIS WAS
AS REAL AS IT GETS."



"I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT I KNOW."

"IT ISN'T *MUCH*. BUT HUNDREDS
OF GOOD PEOPLE -- *SCIENTISTS*,
REPORTERS, ORDINARY PEOPLE
FULL OF *COURAGE* AND FUTILE
HOPE -- DIED TO LEARN IT."

"WITHOUT THEIR *NAMES*,
PASSING ON WHAT THEY
FOUND OUT IS THE BEST I
CAN DO TO MAKE SURE
THEY'RE *REMEMBERED*.
THEY *DESERVE* THAT
MUCH, AT LEAST."

"IT HAD CROSSED BILLIONS
OF LIGHT-YEARS FROM SOME
GODFORSAKEN HELLHOLE OF
THE UNIVERSE TO COME TO
TEMPERANCE, WYOMING."

"EVERYTHING WITHIN A
HUNDRED MILES OF
WHERE IT LANDED DIED
INSTANTLY. HUMANS,
ANIMALS, PLANTS,
MICROBES. *EVERYTHING*."

"ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, IT STARTED
BURROWING INTO THE *EARTH* WITH
SOME KIND OF *TENTACLES*, QUICKLY
SPREADING THROUGH THE PLANET'S MANTLE."

BLURP
SPURP

"IT *DIGESTED* THE REMAINS OF ALL THE
LIVING THINGS DESTROYED IN THE FIRST
OF ITS *EXTINCTION WAVES*, ASSIMILATING
THEIR FORMS, *UNRAVELLING* OUR *BIOLOGY*--"

-- AND TWISTING IT TO ITS
OWN ENDS. IT USED WHAT
IT LEARNED TO GESTATE
PARTS OF ITSELF SO IT COULD
SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD
TO ACT AS ITS EYES AND EARS."

BLOG

RUP

SSAARG

"SOMEHOW, THE ONES THAT
LOOKED ALMOST HUMAN
WERE THE WORST."



"THE *SCIENTISTS* SAID THEY WERE ALL *DRONES*, CONTROLLED BY THE MIND OF THE *ORIGINAL*. OF COURSE, THEY WERE JUST *GUESSING*, LIKE THE *REST* OF US."



"THE *ONE* THING WE ALL KNEW FOR *CERTAIN* WAS WHAT IT *WANTED* US TO KNOW, BROADCASTING ITS MESSAGE ON A WAVE OF *INHUMAN* *ARROGANCE* COLDER THAN *ABSOLUTE ZERO*."

"IT CALLED ITSELF *ARMAGEDDON*, THE *FATHER* OF *FEAR*--"

"-- AND THERE WAS NOTHING -- *NOTHING* -- WE COULD DO TO *STOP* IT."



...TOWN OF BEAUMONT, WHERE RIOTING CONTINUES UNCHECKED, WITH LOCAL POLICE OVERWHELMED BY THIS SEEMING OUTBREAK OF MADNESS...

...OVER GROOM LAKE AIR FORCE BASE, WHERE A SQUADRON OF F-16S WERE DESTROYED BY...

...WE MUST INSIST ON A TOTAL QUARANTINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INCLUDING A MILITARY BLOCKADE OF ITS SHORES.

LET ME BE PERFECTLY CLEAR:

WE ARE PREPARED TO USE NUCLEAR STRIKES TO ENSURE THAT THIS LATEST AMERICAN PLAGUE OF TERROR DOES NOT SPREAD TO THE WORLD AT LARGE.

...WEATHER SYSTEMS ACROSS THE GLOBE CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCE OVER WYOMING.

AT ITS CURRENT RATE OF EXPANSION, THE WYOMING VORTEX WILL ENGULF THE ENTIRE PLANET WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS...



THE STUDIO OF CCN AFFILIATE KXBC, SALT LAKE CITY.

...SHOCKING SCENES FROM COLORADO SPRINGS, WHICH WAS OVERRUN BY THE LIVING DEAD EARLIER TODAY...

Oh, GOD

MY PARENTS... MY PARENTS WERE IN COLORADO SPRINGS!

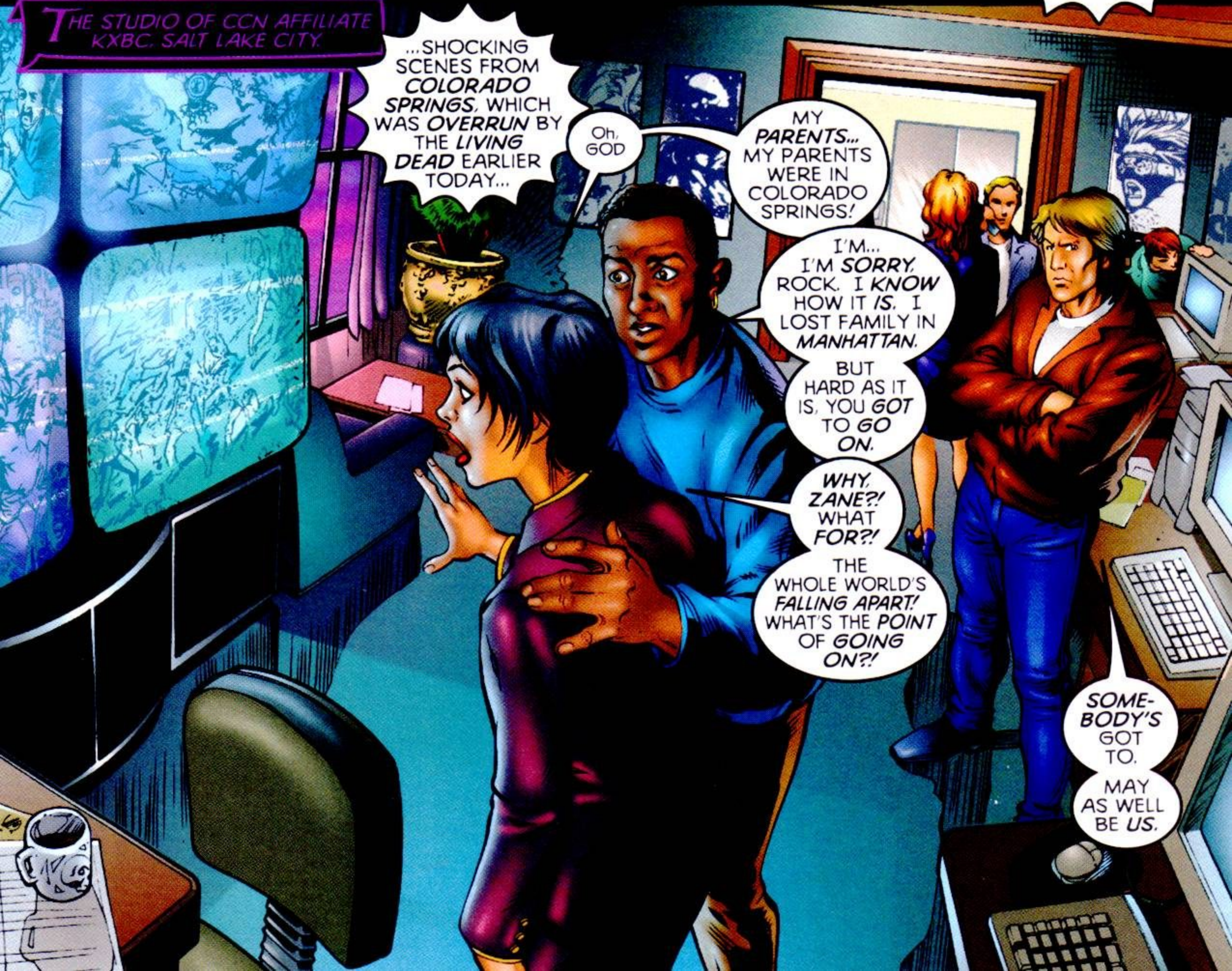
I'M... I'M SORRY, ROCK. I KNOW HOW IT IS. I LOST FAMILY IN MANHATTAN.

BUT HARD AS IT IS, YOU GOT TO GO ON.

WHY, ZANE?! WHAT FOR?!

THE WHOLE WORLD'S FALLING APART! WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING ON?!

SOME-BODY'S GOT TO, MAY AS WELL BE US.



HIT THE
DIRT! FIRE
IN THE HOLE!
CHARLIE'S
COMING!

WAAAAH!

IT'S...
GROWING...
ANOTHER ONE
OF... THOSE...
THINGS!

LIKE THE
ONE THAT... *KILLED*
EVERYTHING... IN
WYOMING!

TIME.
TO. *GO.*

WE.
HAVE.
TO.

UGABUGABUG



BUT...
BRANDON...
WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
EVERYBODY
HERE TO --

WE
DON'T HAVE
A CHOICE.

UUHHH-
HUHHH



GOD!

C'MON!

SKRIEEEGK

CRN

WHERE?
WHERE'RE WE
GONNA GO,
MAN.

ONLY
ONE WAY
WE CAN
GO.
WEST.

HSSARRRG

LOS ANGELES

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, BEDLAM: WE DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR "HELP", AND WE DON'T WANT IT.

TESTOSTERONE POISONING.

Y'ALL TAKE IT AN' LAHK IT, GALLOWIS.

IT AIN'T ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT, HOSS -- THIS HERE'S ABOUT THE END OF THE FREAKIN' WORLD. RECKON YOU GOT A NOTION OR TWO BOUT THET.

YOU KNOW... ABOUT THE OMEN? THE PROPHECIES?

A MITE.

ENUFF TA KNOW THIS WILD BUNCH OF YOURS -- THE CHOSEN -- IS WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IN THE END.

I AIN'T GOT ALL THE DETAILS YET, BUT I AIM TA FIND OUT. ME AND CHASTITY'RE HERE TO HELP KEEP 'EM ALIVE UNTIL WE KNOW HOW.

-- OR JUS' A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO THE PSYCHIC PALS HOTLINE?

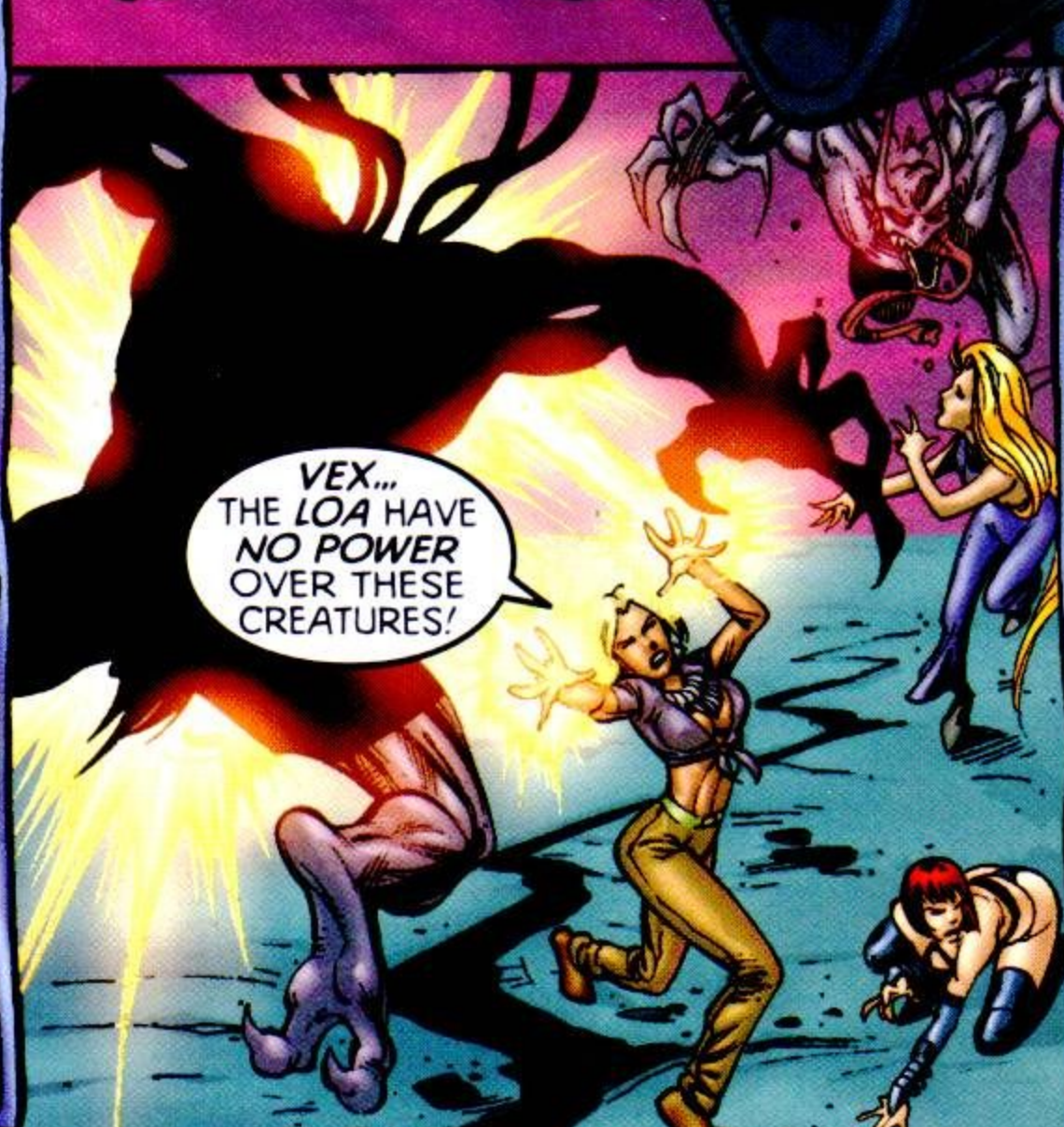
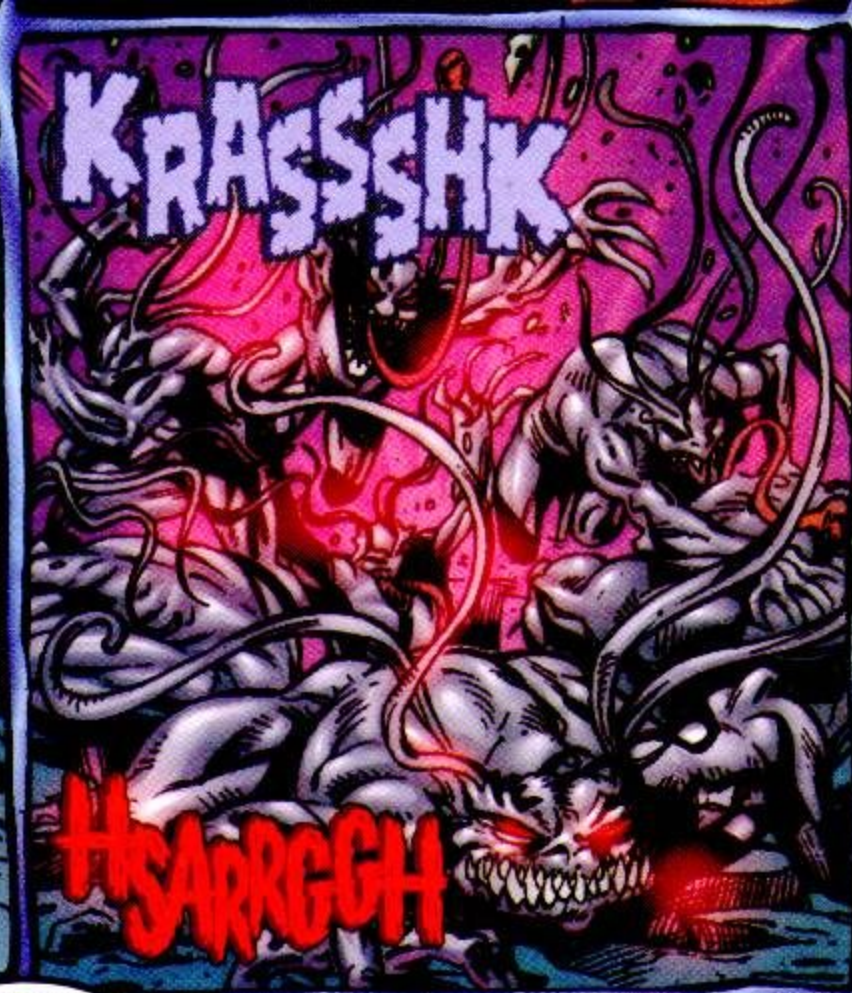
Y'ALL MUST BE OBLIVIA. HE AIN'T A FRIEND, ZACTLY, DARLIN', BUT HE KNOWS HIS STUFF.

NEITHER DO HOME PLANETS.

WHATEVER IT COSTS, IT'S GOT TO BE WORTH IT... RIGHT?

WHAT, JOO GOT A FRIEN' WITH THE 411 ON THE FUTURE --

GOES BY THE TAG TIMEBINDER. ONLY PROBLEM IS, WHAT HE KNOWS, DON'T COME CHEAP.





THIS
PLACE IS A
TRAP!
TIME TO
EVAC!

RIP,
CARCASS --
MAKE US AN
EXIT!

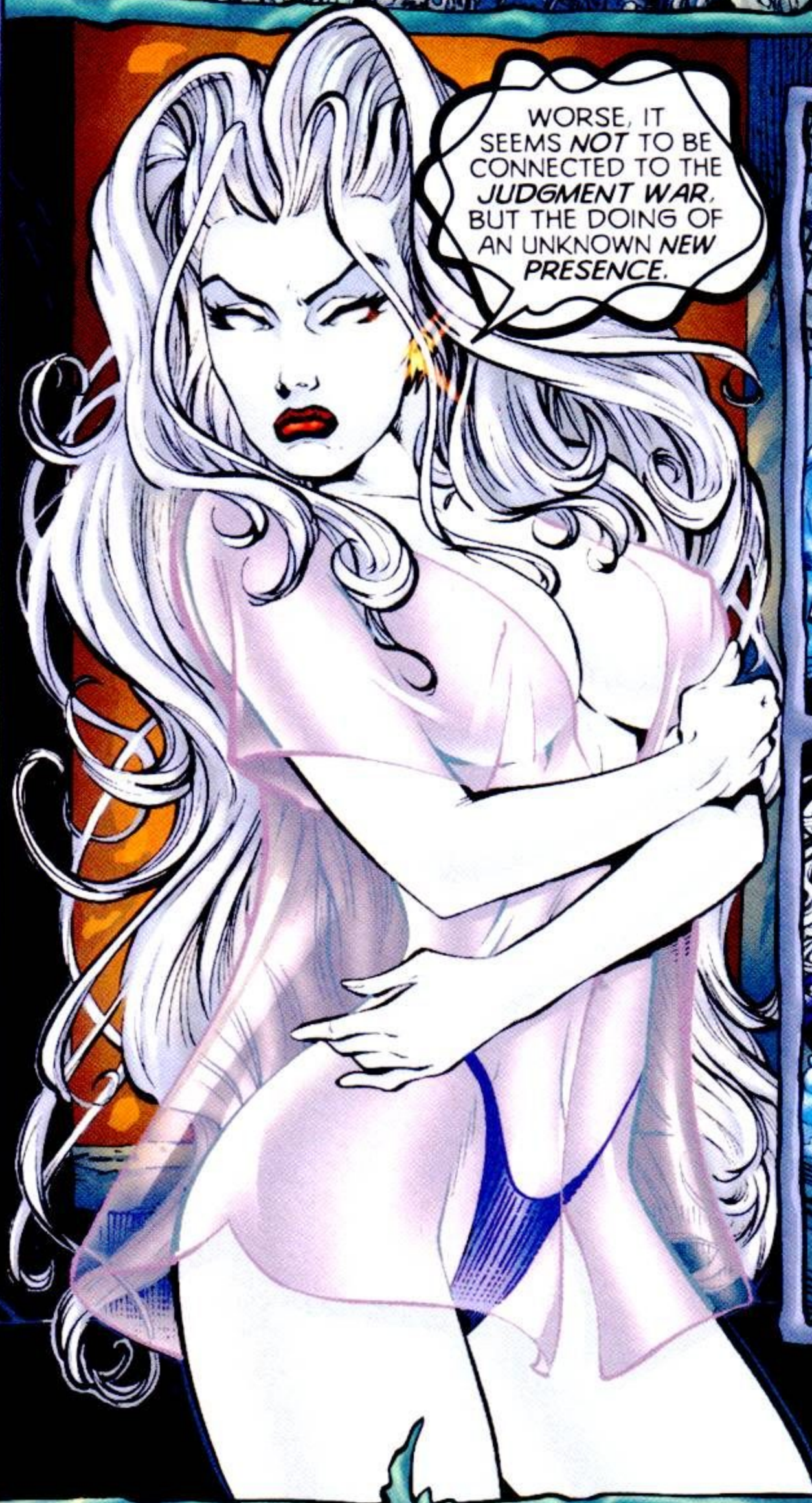


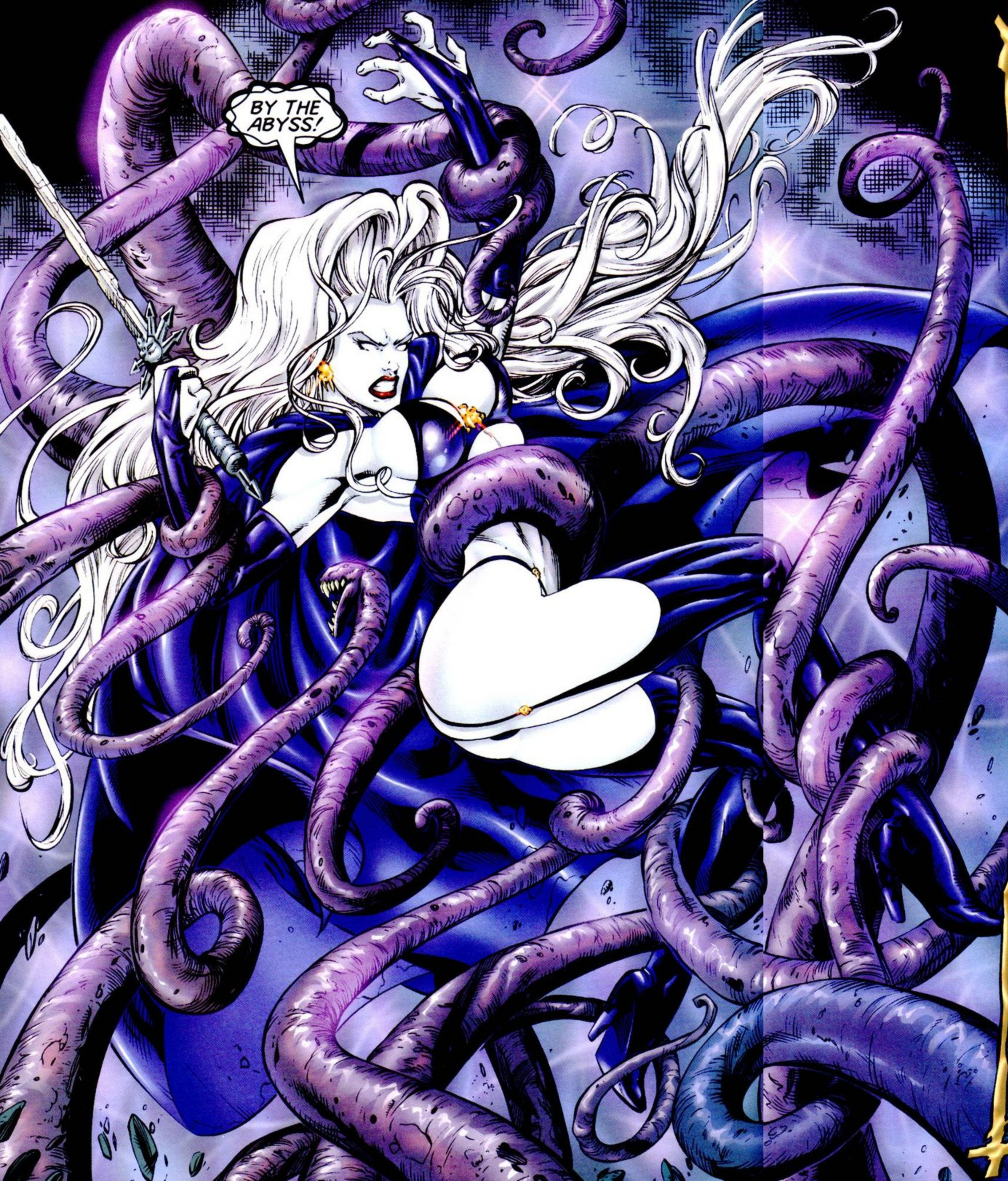
SKRAAAAA



GIDDYAP,
AMIGOS!

LAS VEGAS, SITE
OF LADY DEATH'S
FORTRESS OF
OBLIVION.





BY THE ABYSS!



SHUNK!

UNHH!



GODS.

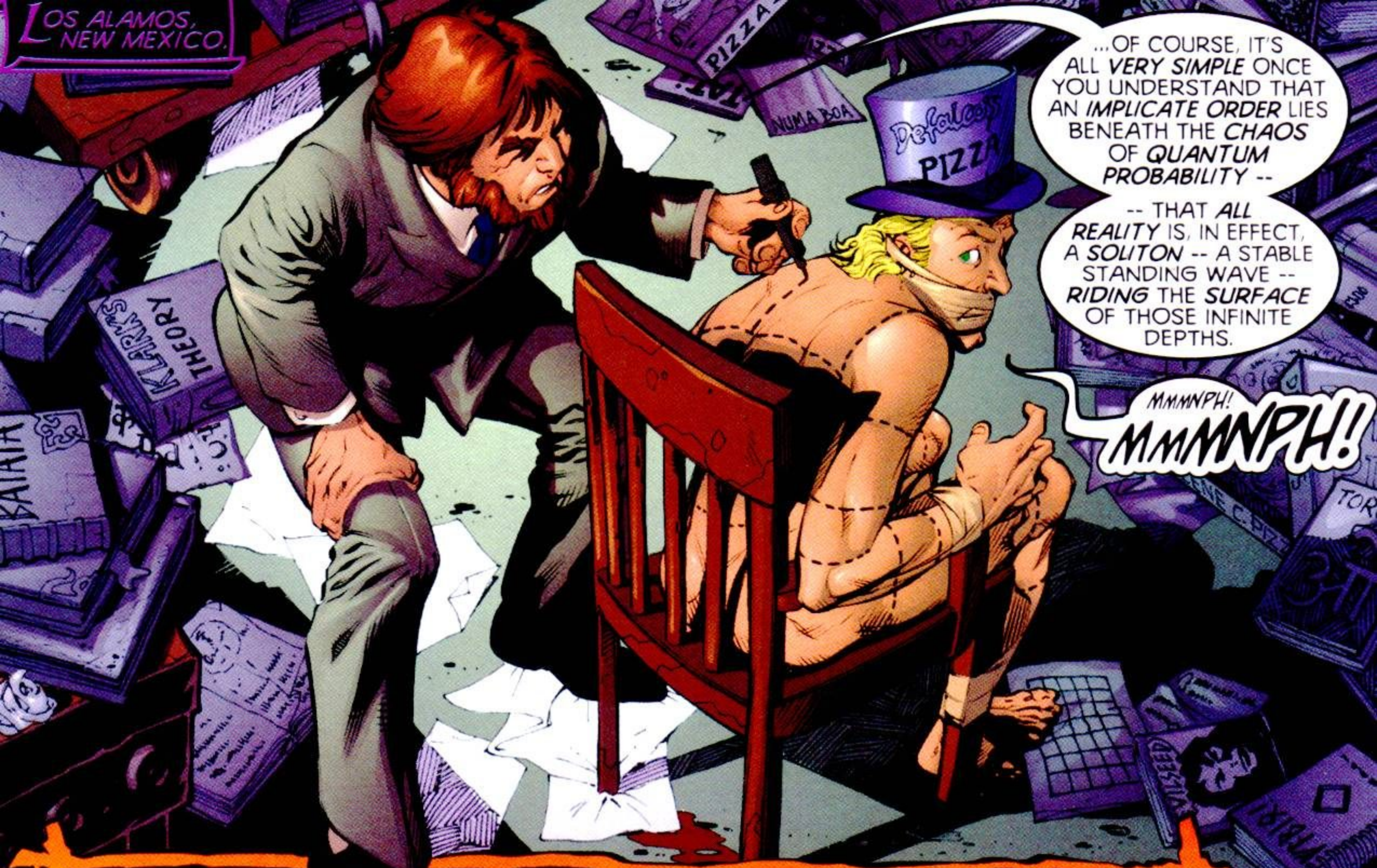


NEVER BEFORE HAVE I EXPERIENCED SUCH A BACKLASH AGAINST APOCALYPSE'S CHAOS-BORN ENERGIES.



THOSE TENTACLES WERE BORN OF NEITHER CHAOS NOR ORDER --

-- BUT PURE ENTROPY, DISSOLUTION, DECAY, THE ETERNAL HUNGER OF THE VOID...



...OF COURSE, IT'S ALL VERY SIMPLE ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AN IMPLICATE ORDER LIES BENEATH THE CHAOS OF QUANTUM PROBABILITY --

-- THAT ALL REALITY IS, IN EFFECT, A SOLITON -- A STABLE STANDING WAVE -- RIDING THE SURFACE OF THOSE INFINITE DEPTHS.

MMNNPH!
MMNNPH!



CONSIDER EXISTENCE AS A VAST COMPUTER. NOW IMAGINE THE IMPLICATE ORDER AS THE CODE FOR ITS OPERATING SYSTEM.

ONCE YOU LEARN THE LANGUAGE, ONE COULD RE-WRITE THAT CODE --



-- AND IMPOSE ONE'S WILL DIRECTLY UPON THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE.



AAIEGK!



SUCCESS!
SUCCESS!

THE BORDERLAND
BETWEEN ASGARD
AND EARTH.

HAAAAA!

BEHOLD, MY
WARRIORS!

EARTH!
TEEMING WITH
HUMAN CATTLE,
RIPE FOR
CONQUEST!

MY ARMIES
WILL *DARKEN*
THE SKIES, AND
ALL SHALL FALL
BEFORE THE MIGHT
OF THE *BLOOD*
GODDESS --

PURGATORI!

ALL WE NEED
IS THE *COOPERATION*
OF A CERTAIN *USEFUL*
FOOL, WHOSE OWN
RECENT *SETBACKS*
HAVE *RIPENED* HIM FOR
MY *EXPLOITATION*.

LUCIFER,
MY LOVE...

WITH THE
BLOOD ALCHEMY
THAT IS MINE BY
RIGHT, I *SUMMON*
YOU!



MORE THE
PRINCE OF RUINS
OF LATE, FROM
WHAT I'VE HEARD...
BELOVED.

YOUR DEFEAT
AT THE HANDS
OF LADY DEATH
HAS COST YOU
DEARLY.

BITCH!
HOW DARE
YOU PRESUME
TO COMMAND
THE PRINCE OF
DARKNESS?!



BUT I
HAVE NOT
FORGOTTEN
THE DELICIOUS
NIGHTS OF
DEPRAVITY
WE ONCE
SHARED.

I PROPOSE
AN ALLIANCE;
WITH MY LEGIONS
AND YOUR INHUMAN
CUNNING, WE
COULD YET RULE
THIS WORLD...
TOGETHER.

WHILE I
HAVE GROWN
IN POWER BEYOND
YOUR ABILITY
TO IMAGINE.

PURGATORI,
YOU IGNORANT
SLUT!

YOU THINK
TO USE ME AS
A FIGUREHEAD, A
PUPPET TO DANCE
AT YOUR
WHIM.

YOU WERE
EVER A CUNNING
AND MALICIOUS
WENCH; IT IS WHY
I FAVORED YOU
FOR SO MANY
MILLENNIA... BUT
NO MORE!

ANOTHER.
MORE DEVIOUS
AND VICIOUS
THAN EVEN YOU
HAS CLAIMED MY
AFFECTIONS.



I WILL
HAVE LADY
DEATH AS MY
BRIDE, AND NONE
OTHER!

DO NOT
CALL UPON ME
AGAIN.



SNAAARGGH!

THAT
PALE
WHORE!



SHE
MUST
DIE!

EXCELLENT.

TOO
LONG HAVE
I IGNORED
HER PREVIOUS
SLIGHTS AGAINST
ME!

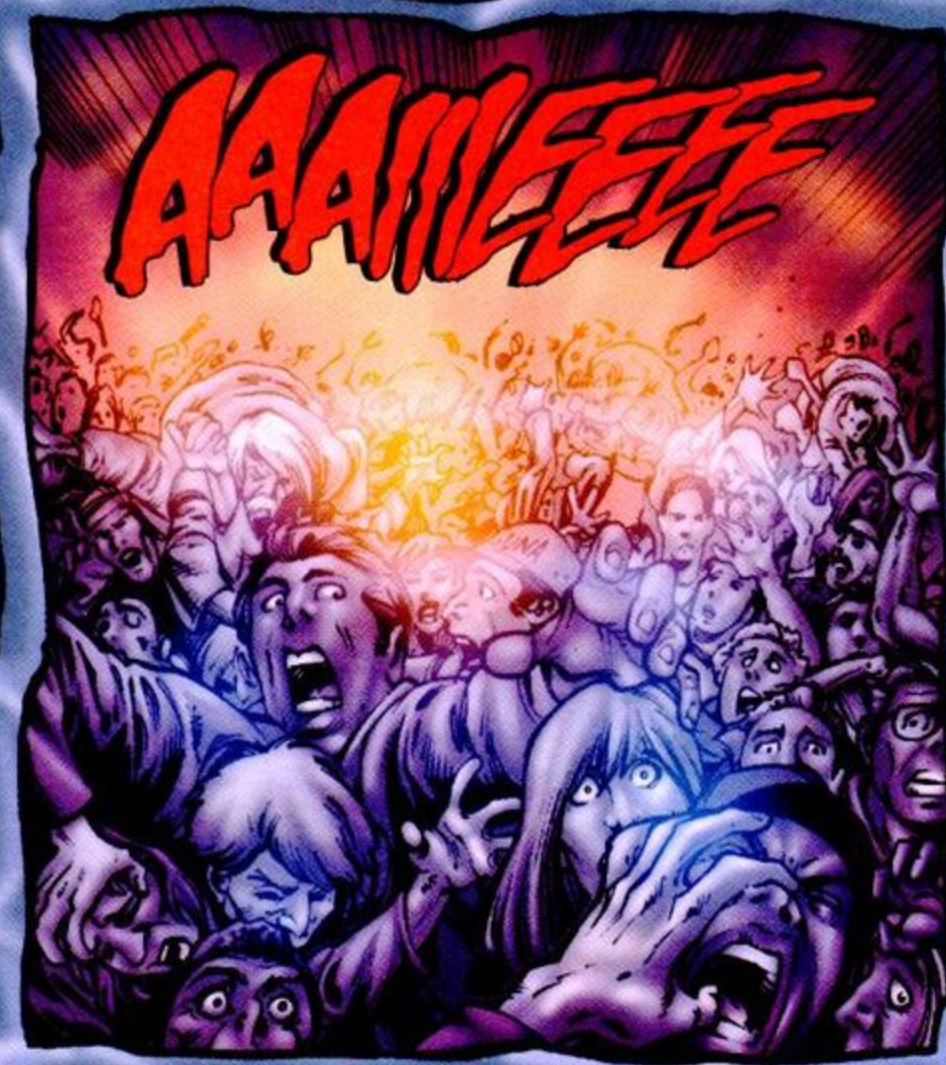








"LIKE CITY AFTER CITY ACROSS THE WORLD THAT NIGHT, EVERYTHING LIVING IN L.A. SIMPLY CEASED TO EXIST BETWEEN HEARTBEATS."



"BY THE TIME WE
ARRIVED, IT WAS
LONG OVER."

≡HUUUH≡

AW.
AW,
NO...

SON...
OF... A...
BITCH.

"ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF L.A. WAS
ONE BIG CONCRETE AND STEEL
HEADSTONE MARKING THE PLACE
WHERE THERE *USED* TO BE A CITY."

"THE SILENCE WAS
DEAFENING."

"THERE WAS
NO SMOG."

"NO SMOG."

"SOMEHOW, THAT MADE THE
DESOLATION *REAL* IN A WAY
NOTHING ELSE COULD."

"THAT'S WHEN
WE KNEW THE
WORST HADN'T
EVEN *BEGUN*..."

NEXT:

IT CONQUERED
THE WORLD



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**Next
Issue!**

Is there any hope?

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These spheres are awesome to contemplate and dreadful to behold.

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They are the places where darkness dwells - the realms known as the
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